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In Re Application of:

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this request for Amendment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312. A Notice of Allowance issued March 15, 2005, and the Issue Fee is due to be paid on June 15, 2005.

In paragraph no. 2 of the Notice of Allowance, it states that claims 1, 2 and 7-16 are allowed. On January 14, 2005, Applicant submitted an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration which placed claim 3 in a condition for allowance as well. (See Exhibit A attached).

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a Supplemental Notice of Allowance be issued noting that claims 1-3 and 7-16 are allowable. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 223-9500 should further clarification is needed regarding this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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